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The New Foreign Policy of President Jehnson—Its Probable Consequences at Mome and Abroad. From the Herald.

It is interesting as well as important to study in advance the consequences which are likely to Sollow a persistence by President Johnson in the foreign policy which he is said to have recently resolved upon in connection with our claims upon England for indemnity growing out of the Alabama depredations, and in regard to the French failure to imperialize Mexico. The plan which the Administration seems to have adopted is to press to an immediate settlement our just demands against England, resorting to reprisals and war in case of a refusal on her part to accede to those demands, and at the same time, or possibly preceding any such positive action, to enter into an agreement with the French Emperor in reference to the withdrawal of Maxiperor in reference to the withdrawal of Maximilian from Mexico, the restoration of a republican form of government there under the protectorate of the United States, the assumption by us of the debt justly due by Mexico to French subjects, and which was made the pretext of the invasion, and the transfer to us, by way of compensation, of Lower California and other portions of the Mexican territory lying contiguous to our own possessions.

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The part of this plan which we have mentioned as second is really first. It is preliminary and accessory to the other portion. It would not be, perhaps, very discreet in our Government to enter upon a war with England while England's powerful ally, France, had also some unsettled questions pending with us. But let us first settle our difficulties with France on such terms, and conditions as to second on the second constant. let us first settle our difficulties with France on such terms and conditions as to secure her friendship and neutrality, and then we can afford to apply ourselves to compulsery measures with England. That is, as we understand it, the course of conduct which our Government has resolved upon. By relieving France at this time of a most troublesome and expensive andertaking, on terms which will flatter her self-pride, or at least save it from a severe rebuke, we will be entitling ourselves to her gratitude. In fact, we are in a position to stipulate for her neutrality, if not, indeed, for her good offices, in our controversy with England. good offices, in our controversy with England.
Louis Napoleon would probably not be very
seriously averse, under any circumstances, to
seeing the pride and power of his dear ally,
England, humbled and diminished to a considerable extent; and her conduct to us in furmishing to the Southern Rebels a fleet of pirate
vessels to burn our merchant, whice and desired vessels to burn our merchant ships and destroy our commerce entitles her to no consideration

at our hands.

In regard to Mexico, we think the plan proposed will commend itself to the approval of the people of the United States. It clearly would be no gain to us to see Maximilian expelled, if he were only to be succeeded by one of those chiefs of factions that have been so long the curse of Mexico, and that have rendered a steady government there impossible. But the plan contemplates the restoration of republican institutions to Mexico under the protectorate of the United States, and it will be for us to establish, in accordance with liberal principles, a government there that will express and represent the wishes of the Mexican people, restore order, and place the country in the peaceful paths of civilization and development, preparing it for a future absorption into this republic. The inconsiderable sum that will be required to satisfy the French claims is of no account when compared with the objects to be attained by it, even if it were not more than compensated for by the acquisition of territory.

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There will be still less difference of opinion in regard to the course proposed to be pursued against England. No action of our Government would be so unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by the American people as a declaration of war against that power, followed by an armed occupation of Canada and its annexation to the United States. If England persisted in her refusal to make full reparation for all the losses sustained by our commerce in for all the losses sustained by our commerce in consequence of her treacherous fitting out of Anglo-Rebel pirate vessels, then our Govornment would be sustained in levying war upon her, not on by the American people unanimously, but by the intelligent verdict of impartial public opinion in Europe. But would England risk the consequences of a refusal to make proper reparation? That is a question which time and the occasion would have to solve. While en the other side her governing class—the aristocracy—might accept war as a means of escape from the revolution undertaken by the reformers, on the other hand there is a pretty restled conviction among the English people. settled conviction among the English people that their navy would stand a mighty slim chance of competing with our iron-clad fleeks, and that any resistance they could make against our armies marching into Canada would be still more hopeless. The chances, therefore, whether England would accept war or accede to our demands peacefully, are about equally balanced, In either event her humiliation would be pretty thorough, and the other nations of Europe would be very apt to enjoy it.

And what would be the effect at home of this forces would be our of our Covernment's Feidently.

to would tend, more than anything else, to strengthen the hands of President Johnson and give to his administration that measure of popularity which it stands so much in need of. The radicals would not dare to oppose that policy, being themselves as strenuously in favor of it as any other element of our population; they would therefore have to indorse it, and, to that extent range themselves on the side of the administration. Pending its development we would hear no more threats of impeachment. The President, on his side, would cease his opposition to the policy of Congress in reference to reconstruction, if, indeed, the whole subject would not be tacitly permitted to drop, and the Southern States be received back into the Union without further question or the imposition of any hard terms. With these promises of an easy solution of our home difficulties and of a maintenance of the antional honor and interests broad, we think that the foreign policy foreshadowed will meet the earnest and hearty and enthusiastic support of the whole people of the United States—radical larity which it stands so much in need of. and enthusiastic support of the whole people of the United States—radical, conservative, Democratic, and Republican—North and South. Let it go forward.

What Was Proved Refore the Recon-From the Tribune.

The 1074 pages of oral and documentary evidence reported by the Congressional Committee on Reconstruction, establishes beyond a douthat the clamor which Johnson started and is now engineering for the immediate admission of the Rabels to representation, has these objects:

1. To enable those who plunged the Southern States into secession and brought, on the war to resume their former sway in the Government. II. To obtain pay for the slaves that were

III. To make the nation pay for the damages he south sustained by the war.

IV. To compet the United States to assume be Rebel debt.

V. To repudiste the Union debt if the Rebel

V. To repudiate the Union deposit the Repeidebt is not assumed.

The evidence, moreover, shows that when Lee
and Johnston surrendered, the Rebels would
have accepted any terms of placen whatever;
but that, under the encouragement and gateonage of President Johnson, their attitude of suppliants for mercy is changed, and they now
stand confident, nostile, defiant, and dictate

It shows that lawlessness, violence, disloyalty, and sectional hate abound throughout the South in localities where these passons did not exist.

uptil they were stimulated and emboldened by the course of the President.

It shows that by pardons, restorations of confiscated estates, gifts of the public property, and favoratism of every kind, Rebels have been lifted up and loyal men put down in the South, until treason there is more fashionable and Unionism is more odious than they were during the war, and as a consequence loyal life and property are the sport of disioyal hate and brutality.

It shows that secret organizations exist and are multiplying throughout the South whose object is hostility to the Government of the United States and to a permanent union with the North.

the North.

It shows that in case of a foreign war the Rebels would rise anew and openly take sides

That testimony prepared every member of the able committee before which it was taken for the murders of black and white Unionists that have made the South wet with blood—for the flight of Union families northward—for the burning of freedmen's school-houses, and the assassination of Freedmen's Bureau officers.

It prepared them to see that nowhere in the South was the Fourth of July celebrated, except by negroes.

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It prepared them to see black women and children shot down for strewing flowers upon the graves of Union soldiers.

It prepared them to see the shameful and ravenous massacre at Momphis, and the subsequent horrible sacrifice of the Unionists of New Orleans, and the drowning of the remaining loyalty of Lowisiana in the blood of the loyalists—a gigantic crime encouraged by Andrew Johnson and alterwards delended by him on

Voters throughout the North and West, could Voters throughout the North and West, could anything be more insane than for us to introduce the elements of hate and disloyalty and violence which Andrew Johnson has kindled throughout the South into our Government, without first securing sa'eguards? We would deserve to be destroyed if we did it; and, what is more, we would be destroyed.

The Amendment South.

From the Times. One of our Georgia correspondents states that Alexander H. Stephens recommends the adoption of the Constitutional amendment by the Legislature of Georgia. It Mr. Stephens and a few other prominent leaders of Southern sentiment take hold of the matter in earnest, they can secure its adoption, without doubt. They are the persons to be most seriously affected by it, and while the people of the South may be very naturally unwilling to force it upon them, their advice and voluntary acceptance of its exclusions would have very great weight in determining the result.

We cannot help feeling that the South is much more interested in the decision of this question than the North. Except in connection with the general peace and welfare of the country, it is of no direct interest to the Northern States that the South should share with them in the control of the National Government. If it were not true that every part suffers when the whole suffers, it might be assumed that the local; sectional interest of the North is directly promoted by excluding the South from representation in tional interest of the North is directly promoted by excluding the South from representation in Congress, and from all share in the policy and government of the country. Each section, whether wisely or unwisely, is constantly strug-gling for power, and there are many very im-portant and very powerful interests of the Northern States which could only be injured by the admission of the South to participate in making the laws by which they are affected. When we urge the Southern States, therefore, to accept the Constitutional amendment as the sole remaining mode of regaining their former

sole remaining mode of regaining their former states in the Union, we do it in their interest, and not in our own. We have nothing whatever and not in our own. We have nothing whatever to gain by it, except as we have always so mething to gain by whatever promotes peace, order, concord, and co-operation among the different sections of our common country. The South has a perfect right to reject all advice of this sort—to denounce it as hostile to their honor, and to accept instead of it that which ministers to their pride and panders to the passions and prejudices, which have already overwhelmed them with disaster and ruin. We certainly should be very sorry to have them take tauly should be very sorry to have them take any action in the matter which did not comtheir own judgments. It they think it wisest for themselves to reject the amendment, by all means let them do so. They have their own destiny in their own hands. If they make hereafter, as they have made more than once hitnerto, a decision unfortunate and calamitous for themselves, they will have only themselves to blame for whatever results may

Meantime, it may be well for them to remember that nothing creates more apprehension among the extreme radical malignants of the North at the present moment, than the fear that the South will ratify the Constitutional amend-ment. They see in this the prompt restoration of the Southern States to their former relations in the Union under the Constitution; and this is by no means the programme which they have

marked out for their future operations. We do not forget, however, that the ultra men of the South and the ultra men of the North have always played into each other's hands and worked zealously and steadily tog ether, until they secured their common end—civil war. It is quite possible that the unconscious partnership is not yet dissolved.

"Beware of Geary !" From the World.

When the great General Geary, now Governorelect of Pennsylvania, was on the stump for himself, he was very fond of relating, among his friends at least, the following thrilling narrative-the like of which, as calculated to make one's hair stand on end, is not to be found even in the pages of "The Bold Buccaneer, or the Bloody Black Brig of Bermuda" :--

"Stonewall Jackson, while lying upon his improvised cot, suffering from wounds of which he was conscious he must soon die, sent for General Longstreet to come to him at once, as he had something special to say to him. The General shortly appeared. The dying hero, almost in the agenies of death, raised himself upon his clow, and with a voice of deathly earnestness thus addressed the South Carolina General: - 'General Longstreet, did you observe General:—'General Longstreet, did you observe that tall, imposing form to-day seated on a black horse in the thickest of the fight, as we did battle?' Quoth General Longstreet, 'I did, indeed, my dear General.' 'That man so valiant was General Geary!' exclaimed Stonewall.' Mark me! beware of him! avoid him! beware of his troops! Meet him not when you can shun him, for he is irresistible!' Longstreet arose to depart, but as he reached the door 'Stonewall' called to him again, 'Longstreet, beware of Geary!' and fell back dead upon his couch! With this dyng injunction to his comrade, the 'ero of the Shenandoah expired."

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Son we thus fairly frightened to death, but it is astound in the fairly frightened to death, but it is astound in the first time of this terrible fellow, should remain a momes on the field. "Beware of this warning during incorratic press attered this warning during in late campaign; but, alas! it was unheeded, alte campaign; but, alas! it was unheeded, alte campaign; but, alas! it was unheeded, alte campaign; but, alone was the hero of the law words and thirks he was the hero of the law words and the invincible commander-in-chief of the later radical civil war.

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